(e) whether the Central Government have been requesting the State Governments to put in place a proper disaster management plan; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Central Government to impress upon the States the need for an exhaustive disaster management plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Astatement showing the State/UT-wise loss of lives and damage to properties due to Tsunami of 26th December, 2004, is given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement I and II appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 214]

(b) Government of India have approved a special package named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas". Statement showing the details of the relief package is given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement I and II appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 214]

(c) to (f) It is primarily the responsibility of the States/Union Territories to prepare themselves for responding to disaster and providing relief to affected people. However, the Government of India have advised State Governments/UTs to prepare State Disaster Management Plans incorporating therein prevention, mitigation and preparedness measures. So far, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra and West Bengal have confirmed the preparation of such plans. The Central Government is pursuing the matter with States/UTs and also providing necessary guidance/assistance sought by the States/UTs in formulating the plans.

Setting up of Disaster Management Authority

249. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI MURLI DEORA:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up any permanent disaster management authority for dealing with a major disaster of the magnitude of Tsunami and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to give the proposed authority

statutory powers and if so, by when legislation to this effect is likely to be brought forward in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government have decided to set up a National Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The Authority shall be responsible to draw up disaster management plan, coordinating and monitoring its implementation as also coordinating response to a disaster. The Authority may issue guidelines enabling the State Disaster Management Authority to draw up the State Disaster Management Plan in accordance with the National Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Disaster Management Bill, 2005 is proposed to be introduced in Parliament as early as possible.

Rape Cases in Delhi

†250. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of rape of women are increasing constantly in National Capital Delhi for last many years;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during last three years; year-wise;

(c) the details of action taken in each case; and

(d) the outcome of the action taken and the effective steps being taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The number of rape cases reported in Delhi during the last three years has shown a rising trend. The details of cases and progress/outcome of the action taken in the matter is indicated in the enclosed statement. (See below)

The steps taken to prevent rape cases include:

(i) establishment of Crime Against Women Cell;

(ii) Setting up of Rape Crises Intervention Centres in all the nine Police Districts;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.